



Forsyth County
Animal Control Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2007

Joe Redman
Mitch Cromer
Dr. Tim Strickland
Lori Sears
Jennifer Tierney
Thurman Dillon
Julie Magness
Jerry Canady
Sandy Mayberry
Larry Bunn
D. Ritchie Brooks

Members Present:

Larry Bunn
Mitch Cromer
Jennifer Tierney
Thurman Dillon
Dr. Strickland
Sandy Mayberry
Jerry Canady
Joe Redman
Lori Sears

Staff Present:

Tim Jennings
Kelly Nash
Judy Blevins
Matt Smith

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Sandy Mayberry at 6:00 P.M.
Staff reported that Julie Magness had provided notification she would not be able to attend tonight's meeting.

Minutes

A motion was made by Sandy Mayberry and seconded by Jennifer Tierney to accept minutes of June 21, 2007. The minutes were approved as written.

Sandy Mayberry welcomed and introduced new board members Lori Sears and Joe Redman.

Election

Sandy Mayberry requested nominations be turned in. Tim Jennings reviewed nomination protocol. Sandy Mayberry and Tim Strickland, DVM asked to be excluded from the nomination.

Public Comment

Keith Murphy addressed the committee regarding directional signs to the Animal Shelter. Mr. Murphy stated that he had 15-20 people to comment that they could not locate shelter due to no signage including Sunday volunteers. Pictures were presented to the advisory board showing different views of the shelter with no signage. Tim Jennings advised that funding has been allotted in this year's budget. Jennifer Tierney made a motion to move forward with Department of Transportation signage and recommended contacting Commissioners and sending copies of photos showing that signage is an issue. Larry Bunn wanted to amend it to look into signage for both entrances to the shelter. Further study will be done and presented at next Advisory Meeting. Tim Jennings advised that he would draft a letter to the Commissioners and would present it to the Chair and Jennifer Tierney requested that all board members get a copy.

Guest Presentation

AARF was unable to make presentation and has requested to be rescheduled for October 2007.

Old Business

- *Summary Public Comment*
Public Response to Proposed Code Amendments Summary was handed out.
Response Totals

Public Comment June 21 st meeting:	2
Telephone contacts:	11
Written submission:	25
Newspaper Editorial	1

- *Feral Cat Program*

Matt Smith advised members of his trip to Atlanta, Georgia for a Feral Cat Conference. He advised members that feral groups are working with animal shelters all over the country and this partnership can be successful. In several weeks animal control and Larry Bunn will meet with Forgotten Felines of Forsyth to discuss moving forward to address issues of feral cats in our community. Mitch Cromer asked about identifying animals if they roam away from the colony. Matt advised ears are notched and some success with micro chipping would suffice as a method of tracking as an animal license. Matt also advised that groups control where cats are feed and how much. By working this out it will help Animal Control and reduce the number of calls received on feral cats that can be referred to feral groups.

New Business

- *Shelter Surgical Suite: Policy re: criteria*

Tim asked for a couple of members to meet with Animal Control staff to draft a policy addressing use of the surgical suite in treating some animals, while still facing the need to euthanize healthy animals. Lori Sears and Jennifer Tierney volunteered to be on the committee. Lori Sears asked if the surgical suite can be used for sterilization, Matt Smith advised not at this time referring to budgetary restrictions.

- *Year to Date Stats*

Adoption rate is higher this year, redemptions are up 27%, euthanasia is down 2% and intake is up. Tim advised that animal control is losing two patrol officers, one position will be posted August 20, 2007 and the other one at the end of September 2007.

- *Appeals Hearing*

Hearing Tribunal date is September 20, 2007. Volunteers for hearing are Mitch Cromer, Jennifer Tierney and Jerry Canady. Invitation was extended to Lori Sears and Joe Redman.

- *Work Plan Emphasis*

Tim asked members whether they wanted to pursue number of pets per household, noise versus number of pets per household. Members decided to pursue noise ordinance at a later date.

- *By-Law Amendment*

Tim Jennings advised members that an error had been made when setting expire dates for members nominated. It should have been for two years but was done for three years. He said the County Managers office had advised if members did not have any objections this could stay as is. A vote was taken with two voting to change (Lori Sears and Jennifer Tierney) seven to leave as is (Larry Bunn, Jerry Canady, Joe Redman, Sandy Mayberry, Thurman Dillon, Mitch Cromer and Tim Strickland, DVM).

Election of Chair – Vice Chair

New ballots were handed out with the top three nominees, Jennifer Tierney, Larry Bunn and Mitch Cromer. Members turned in ballots, ballots were counted and given to Tim Jennings who announced that Mitch Cromer – Chairman (4 Votes), Larry Bunn – Vice Chairman (3 Votes). Ballots will be kept with minutes.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM with the next meeting being October 18, 2007.